

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are currently amended. Claims 1-43 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

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Interview Summary

Applicant's Representative, Mark Niemann, wishes to thank Examiner Shew Fen Lin for the telephone interview conducted on January 14th, 2009.

During the interview, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicant's Representative and the Examiner discussed amending independent claim 1 to recite "the set of one or more steps comprising at least one of: configuring firmware of the additional device; downloading an operating system to the additional device; rebooting the additional device; or configuring the operating system of the additional device."

Support for this amendment can be found throughout Applicant's specification, and at least at page 27, lines 13-18, an excerpt from which is reproduced below:

Applicant's Specification, Page 27, Line 13-18

By way of example, job tree 402 may represent an operating system automatic deployment sequence. In this example, referring to Fig. 3 above, node 406 (step 1) refers to act 154 (configure the hardware of the computing device), node 408 (step 2) refers to acts 156 and 158 (download the operating system and re-boot), and node 410 (step 3) refers to act 160 (configure the operating system for the computing device as desired).

Examiner Lin stated, during the interview, that the proposed amendment would overcome the art of record, but indicated that the allowance of the claims is subject to an additional search. Accordingly, Applicant amends all of the independent claims in a manner that is consistent with the proposed amendment